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Quiet Zone Update



by Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh

As you know, residents, neighborhood leaders, Metro Officials and our office have worked over the last two and a half years to ensure that we keep the No Train Horn Zone (Quiet Zone) along Frankfort Avenue. Twenty-five years ago Railroad Officials and Metro Officials had a handshake agreement to not blow train horns along this two and a half mile stretch. Over the last five to seven years the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has tightened up the regulation of Quiet Zones across the country. As of today, all requirements to keep the Ninth District Quiet Zone

intact have been completed: six- inch median curbs where the tracks cross Frankfort Avenue, the closure of Claremont Avenue, crossing gates at Blackburn Avenue, closure of the Franck Avenue. Alley and the resurfacing of the access road to both sides of Franck Alley. HOWEVER, The St. Matthews Quiet Zone was lost, though St. Matthews Officials and Councilman Fleming continue to work on their part of the Quiet Zone that was lost. It is estimated that FRA requirements there could take at least a year to implement. What you need to know, then, is that the train horns beginning at the Chenoweth crossing and four other crossings in St. Matthews will continue to blow until improvements are put in place. Please consider this update as a notice that residents of Reservoir Park and Masonic Home will likely get some of the residual horn sound. I have committed to Councilman Fleming any help that my office may provide toward getting this done as soon as possible.